



BLM's Bullhog Chip Prescribed Burn is Big Success

On May 31, the BLM-Utah completed the Bullhog Chip prescribed burn in southern Skull Valley with the help of Salt Lake County wildland firefighters. Five compartments on two units of woodchip by-products were successfully burned, totaling 145 acres. The Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO) Fuels program will use the area to study the long term effects of the prescribed burn, the fire's intensity and its effect on soil moisture and ground cover recovery.

Another unit of the Bullhog Chip prescribed burn will be completed in Rush Valley, Tooele County later this spring. Further prescribed fire in southern Skull Valley is on hold until fall of this year when weather conditions may permit additional prescribed burns.

"I was ecstatic to report a completion of ignitions before sunset. The success we saw on Saturday can be measured in cost savings, future fire research and preseason training time for fire crews," Brook Chadwick, the SLFO Fuels Management Specialist, concluded.

For more information on the Bullhog Chip Burn or other prescribed fires others in Utah, please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov or call Erin Darboven at (801) 977-4328.

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